Appl. No. 09/966,319

Reply to: Office Action Dated September 3, 2004

Title: ICONOGRAPHIC MEDICAL AND POPULATION SURVEY AND SYSTEM AND METHOD

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REMARKS

Applicant have reviewed the Office Action mailed September 3, 2004. Claims 1, 3, and 13 are being amended and claim 2 is being cancelled by this Response. Thus, claims 1 and 3 through 13 are pending in the application. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicant hereby acknowledges the indication of Allowable Subject Matter provided by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 3, 2004. The amendment of claims 1 and 13 incorporate the limitation originally provided in claim 2 of the instant application. The Examiner indicated that claim 2 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim" in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the instant Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 has been rewritten into independent claims 1 and 13, therefore independent claims 1 and 13 are allowable. The amendment of claim 3 involved a mere formality of providing the proper dependency based on the claim number, such that the original claim 3 depended from now canceled claim 2 and claim 3 has been amended to properly depend from independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3 through 12 which properly depend from independent claim 1 are allowable.

Claim Rejection -- 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,911,132 in view of US 6,022,222. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of independent claims 1 and 13 obviate the §103 rejection and therefore independent claims 1 and 13 are allowable. Claims 4 and 6 properly depend from independent claim 1, therefore it is respectfully submitted that the §103 rejection of claims 4 and 6 is obviated and that claims 4 and 6 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event the indication of allowability is withdrawn, applicants reserve the right to amend the claims back to the original form for further prosecution, without prejudice, disclaimer or estoppel. In the event that issues arise in the application that may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (410) 347-8900 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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